# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1605
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RADIO PAGING SERVICE
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that the subscriber base for paging services has gone down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether paging is becoming an outdated service;

(d) if so, the total revenues generated ever year from paging services in 2000-2001 and the current year;

(e) whether DoT has any plans to reduce the rentals of paging services;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the profits or losses incurred in 2001-2002?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to reduction in tariff for Cellular Mobile Telephone Services, the popularity of Radio Paging Service has gown down.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) The Radio paging operators are free to charge Tariff within the ceiling limit fixed by TRAI.

(f) Not applicable in view of (e) above.

(g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.